

Half Crown Neighborhood Conservation District
NEWS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS
June 6, 2001

Half Crown NCD Membership Study Completed

The Half Crown NCD Membership Study Committee has completed its study. The study, initiated in November, 2000, addressed the issue of membership on the Half Crown NCD Commission and recommends efforts to reinvigorate the District and Commission. The Study Report is posted at www.ci.cambridge.ma.us/~Historic.

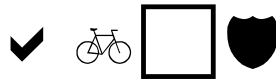
In 1984, when Half Crown was established as the city's first NCD, commercial encroachment from Harvard Square actively threatened the neighborhood. While the neighborhood no longer faces the same threats it did, reinvigorating the Half Crown NCD Commission will be critical to maintaining the character of the neighborhood. This spring, the Study Committee has looked at how to engage a new group of district residents in the work of the Commission and the issues that face the neighborhood now.

Recommendations of the Half Crown NCD Membership Study Committee

1. The Study Committee rejected the transfer of commission authority to the Cambridge Historical Commission, opting to retain commission authority in the neighborhood, with the Half Crown NCD Commission, and under the terms of the existing Half Crown NCD order.
2. The Study Committee recommended that new membership appointments be solicited for the Half Crown NCD Commission: 3 alternates, 1 member, and 1 ex officio Cambridge Historical Commission representative to the Half Crown Commission will be needed to complete the required membership of 5 members and 3 alternates.

3. The Committee recommended that joint membership of 1 at-large member from another NCD Commission be considered: shared membership of an at-large representative could help to relieve some of the burden small districts face in identifying a sufficient number of individuals to serve on commissions.
4. The Committee also suggested expanding the Commission's role with relevant City of Cambridge departments and revisiting the possibility of enlarging the NCD.

The study will conclude with the presentation of the Study Report to the Cambridge Historical Commission at a public hearing to be held Thursday, June 28. The Historical Commission will vote on whether to accept the Report (thereby ratifying its recommendations), but no further formal action is necessary. Notice of the hearing will be mailed to all owners and abutters of the District.



WALKING TOUR

HALF CROWN

NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

4:30 – 6:00 PM



Please join the Half Crown Neighborhood Conservation District Commission and the Cambridge Historical Commission to learn more about this neighborhood, past, present, and future!



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